

MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday May 9, 2016
D.T. Walkom Room
12:00 Noon

Present

Members: Pat Mick, Heather Marshall, Lori Lambert, Dan Morgan, Amanda Gauthier, Marnie Yourchuk
Staff: K. Colter, B. Vallee, A. Caputo
Trustees: Bob McEachren, Russell Reid
Guests: Francis Pine, Maamwesying FASC/CN Coordinator
Regrets: Priscilla Southwind, Janelle Martin, Morgan Levy, Helen Scott, Linda Graham

Chair Mick called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Round Table Introduction of members, staff and guests

Pat Mick called for approval of Agenda

- Motion by Bob McEachren, 2nd by Heather Marshall
- All in favour

Pat Mick called for approval of February Minutes

- Motion by Lori Lambert, 2nd by Bob McEachren
- All in favour

Association Updates

Pat Mick-Community Living Algoma

- Nothing to report

Lori Lambert - Infant & Child Development Program

- Psychology clinic starting end of May - Mid June with reports coming in July
- Finishing up with transitions

Heather Marshall-NECCAC

- Nothing to report

Dan Morgan - Canadian Mental Health Association

- Nothing to report

Amanda Gauthier-CRCA (now THRIVE Child Development Centre)

- New branding-now THRIVE Child Development Centre
- Summer groups starting and are therapy based
- School Readiness programs will be starting
- Support being given to CLA & YMCA summer programs

Francis Pine-Maamwesying FASD/CN Coordinator

- November 13,2015 was launch of FASD Medic Alert Bracelet program
- Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie Inclusive for Pilot Project
- Maamwesying was approached by Medic Alert for the Pilot
- It is a "rubber" sports band with the person's ID number and a contact phone number
- Now training: OPP,Algoma EMS,Aboriginal Police Services
- Call to telephone number provides a "first contact" person to accompany them to the Police station for questioning
- Pilot is 1 year and free until the year is up in November,after that,there is a fee
- They started with 13 and now have 38
- It is a self-referral process
- They need a diagnosis
- Adults and children are included
- Brent explained that Francis has completed a SEAC application,it will be presented for approval at June 14th Board meeting.

Algoma District SchoolBoard

Brent Vallee,Superintendent of Education and Kelly Colter,System Coordinator SpecialEducation Department

Brent Vallee

- Talked about changes to the Spec Ed Plan
- Psycho Ed referral process-parent authorization signed at time of assessment
- Definitions of exceptionalities are based on Ministry of Education wording
- LD was updated in the Spring of 2015,the wording has not been changed but hoping for the change by late summer of 2016
- WISC IV changed to WISC V
- Group testing (wording updated)
- Updated number of various assessments and equipment
- Updated SLP info
- Updated info re: iPad apps
- ABA info
- SA Counsellors info
- New Spec Ed Staff
- Info re: SERTS and student supported
- Updated IPRC numbers & identifications
- Pat noted # of gifted students being significant- Brent explained we are looking at why so few are being identified
- Francis asked FASD kids-Brent explained it varies based on the identification
- New SLC classroom at Grandview,moving from Tarentorus (side note Brent spoke to the changes to classroom structure & program delivery)

- Adding LEAD @ Michipicoten
- Number of transitions-Heather Marshall wonders ratio of new kids to transitioning -Kelly explains changes to transitioning process-some kids are not connected to a community partner and schools are getting better at communication as well
- Updated numbers for Mental Health referrals
- NRAC is a new Care & Treatment school
- PD Section-change from CPI (US Based) to Behaviour Based (Ontario Based) to due cost effectiveness
- Special Projects update
- Joe Santa Maria will present at the June board meeting
- Staffing needs to be updated
- Changes to PD for 2015-2016
- Parents' Guide stayed the same
- SEAC stayed the same

Kelly Colter

- Feels a lot more transition meetings will continue to take place
- Existing consents for CRCA are okay due to name changes there
- In Sault Ste. Marie, Melanie Hawdon from CMHA will be helping to educate Community Partners regarding FASD

Report from the Board (Trustees) Bob McEachren

- February 2016 Spec Ed Ministry Report
- Bob read some excerpts
- Audrey will forward whole report to SEAC
- Francis is also waiting for the Provincial Strategies re: FASD
- Bob spoke to the closure of the workshops for exceptional adults
- Russell reported on the organizational JK-12 preliminary plan passed (subject to budget)
- COW junior from Arthur Henderson to go to Central Algoma Elementary
- Policy review is ongoing

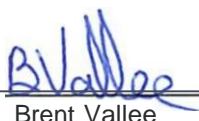
Action Items

- change CRCA to THRIVE Child Development Centre
- send Ministry Spec Ed report to SEAC

Next SEAC meeting date: June 13, 2016

Motion to adjourn

- Bob McEachren, 2nd by Lori Lambert, all in favour
- Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm


Brent Vallee

Superintendent of Education



Pat Mick
Chair